The Lust Of The Flesh
(1 John 2:15-16)

Introduction: 1. God has placed within each human several natural and healthy desires.
   a. The desire for food — gluttony.
   b. The desire for drink — forbidden beverages.
   c. The desire for sex — fornication.
2. Some were evidently arguing that fulfilling the lust of the flesh (sexual sins) was natural and logical (1 Corinthians 6:13).
3. (1 Thessalonians 4:3) It is the will of God, that we should be sanctified.
4. In this lesson, we want to identify some of the problems, consequences, and solutions to the lust of the flesh.

I. Sexual Immorality — The Problem
   A. We are bombarded with sexual images through the media.
      1. This has a desensitizing effect.
      2. It also suggests that sexual immorality is the norm.
   B. But sexual relations outside of marriage is even endorsed and promoted by religion.
   C. The lust of the flesh or sexual immorality takes on many forms.
      1. Premarital Sex.
      2. Extra-Marital Sex.
      3. Homosexuality.

II. Sexual Immorality — The Consequences.
   B. Temporal Consequences.
      1. Guilt.
      2. Destroyed Homes.
      3. Disease.
   C. Eternal Consequences.
      1. (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-16)
      2. (Galatians 5:19-21).
      3. (Revelation 21:8).
      4. (1 Peter 2:11)

III. Sexual Immorality — The Solution.
   A. Don’t feed on sexually oriented material (Philippians 4:6).
   B. Set your standards of conduct ahead of time (Daniel 1:8).
   C. Treat others with godly respect (1 Timothy 5:1-2).
   D. Choose carefully whom you date (1 Corinthians 15:33).
   E. Remember who you are (Ephesians 5:3).

Conclusion: 1. (Genesis 25:29-34).
   2. Are you willing to sell your eternal inheritance for a moment of passion?